



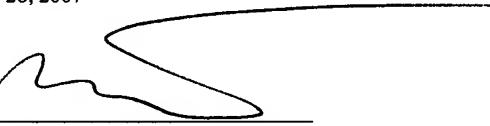
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**AMENDMENT**

SIR:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on May 16, 2007. Please reconsider the above-identified application based on the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.